Population Estimates

Alberta's population continued to have the highest year over year growth rate among all provinces, showing an increase from the 2008 first quarter. The first quarter of 2009 showed net inflows of people to Alberta from both interprovincial (7,144) and international (4,175) sources, as well as net non-permanent residents (4,626).

As of April 1, 2009, Alberta's population was estimated to be 3,653,840 (Table 1). This count represents a year over year increase of approximately 96,285 persons (2.71%) since April 1, 2008. Although Alberta's population growth rate has slowed since 2007, it presently remains double the national rate of 1.23%.

TABLE 1: **POPULATION & GROWTH RATES CANADA & ALBERTA**

	Population		Yearly Growth Rate	
1-April	Canada	Alberta	Canada	Alberta
2005	32,136,939	3,239,154		
2006	32,466,635	3,325,144	1.03%	2.65%
2007	32,816,259	3,488,381	1.08%	4.91%
2008	33,185,549	3,557,555	1.13%	1.98%
2009	33,592,686	3,653,840	1.23%	2.71%

Source: Statistics Canada

Population estimates for April 1, 2009 and growth rates (since April 1, 2008) for all provinces and territories are provided in Table 2. Across all provinces, Alberta had the highest growth rate, year over year, at 2.71%. British Columbia and Saskatchewan had the next highest growth rates of 1.70% and 1.49%, respectively.

Migration

In the first quarter of 2009, Alberta had the largest interprovincial migration gain in Canada (Table 3). The province gained 7,144 people in interprovincial migration. This increase is significant when compared to the net interprovincial migration observed in the first quarter of 2008 (2,761). The interprovincial gain in the first quarter of 2009 was primarily attributed to the net inflow of migrants from Ontario (3,546) and British Columbia (855). Alberta gained in interprovincial migrants from all provinces except from Prince Edward Island (-41) and New Brunswick (-38).

Alberta's international migration remained strong in this quarter with a net inflow of 4,175 international migrants. There were fewer net non-permanent residents (4,626) in the first quarter of 2009 than in previous quarters (see Table 4). These numbers represent a steady net flow of international and non-permanent residents in the province, as they do not substantially deviate from the net flow of migrants in the fourth quarter of 2008.

Natural Increase

In the first quarter of 2009, Alberta posted a natural increase (births minus deaths) of over 5,412 people. The province experienced 11,212 births and 5,800 deaths in the first quarter of 2009. This natural increase is comparable to the first quarter of 2008 (5,426), however represents a decline in the natural increase population when compared to each of the other 2008 quarters.

TABLE 2: **POPULATION OF PROVINCES/TERRITORIES AS OF APRIL 1, 2009 & GROWTH RATES SINCE APRIL 1, 2008**

	NL.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	ALTA.	B.C.	Y.T.	N.W.T.	NVT.
Population	508,726	140,638	939,475	748,866	7,799,372	13,014,018	1,217,163	1,027,092	3,653,840	4,435,344	33,550	42,840	31,762
Growth Rate	0.20%	1.19%	0.18%	0.26%	0.89%	1.02%	1.16%	1.49%	2.71%	1.70%	1.67%	-1.19%	1.52%

Source: Statistics Canada

TABLE 3: ORIGIN & DESTINATION OF INTERPROVINCIAL MIGRANTS JANUARY 1 TO MARCH 31, 2009

	Destination												
Origin	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT.	NVT.
Nfld and Lab.	0	25	401	74	62	814	85	29	1,307	126	0	90	41
Prince Edward I.	80	0	163	215	16	334	0	11	194	14	0	8	0
Nova Scotia	417	141	0	614	196	1,480	52	90	1,503	352	23	22	24
New Brunswick	102	183	751	0	397	844	46	94	746	109	8	18	7
Quebec	75	73	166	280	0	4,321	79	123	1,618	676	16	29	50
Ontario	1,245	247	1,425	970	3,235	0	1,414	1,284	7,622	4,157	51	67	107
Manitoba	59	15	106	91	113	1,168	0	632	1,372	646	5	20	39
Saskatchewan	4	0	88	24	121	395	711	0	3,041	887	36	25	38
Alberta	999	235	961	784	820	4,076	1,071	2,567	0	6,092	82	151	0
British Columbia	121	50	433	303	479	3,255	483	1,003	6,947	0	143	82	24
Yukon Territory	0	0	53	0	43	30	23	30	92	185	0	0	0
Northwest Terr.	0	0	10	0	0	46	48	52	518	50	32	0	34
Nunavut Terr.	50	0	0	11	8	46	73	0	22	13	0	91	0

	Nfld.	P.E.I.	N.S.	N.B.	QUE.	ONT.	MAN.	SASK.	AB.	B.C.	Yukon	NWT.	NVT.
In Migration	3,152	969	4,557	3,366	5,490	16,809	4,085	5,915	24,982	13,307	396	603	364
Out Migration	3,054	1,035	4,914	3,305	7,506	21,824	4,266	5,370	17,838	13,323	456	790	314
Net Migration	98	-66	-357	61	-2,016	-5,015	-181	545	7,144	-16	-60	-187	50

Source: Statistics Canada

Table 4: Alberta Migration by Quarter

	Interprovincial Migration			International Migration					Total	NPR*	Total+NPR
Quarter	In	Out	Net Interprovincial	Immigrants	Emigrants	Net Temporary Emigrants	Returning Emigrants	Net International Migration	Total Net Migration	Net Non-Permanent Residents	Net Migration Including Net NPR
2005											
Jan-Mar	18,653	10,363	**8,290**	4,355	931	505	582	**3,501**	**11,791**	488	**12,279**
Apr-Jun	25,803	14,638	**11,165**	5,291	1,082	541	1,068	**4,736**	**15,901**	761	**16,662**
Jul-Sep	25,027	14,884	**10,143**	5,591	1,920	718	1,280	**4,233**	**14,376**	1,621	**15,997**
Oct-Dec	20,824	7,004	**13,820**	4,168	1,050	522	496	**3,092**	**16,912**	256	**17,168**
Total	*90,307*	*46,889*	***43,418***	*19,405*	*4,983*	*2,286*	*3,426*	***15,562***	***58,980***	***3,126***	***62,106***
2006											
Jan-Mar	23,163	10,843	**12,320**	4,727	1,033	519	536	**3,711**	**16,031**	1,546	**17,577**
Apr-Jun	22,820	13,308	**9,512**	5,445	1,170	549	885	**4,611**	**14,123**	2,210	**16,333**
Jul-Sep	34,456	17,727	**16,729**	5,714	1,861	733	1,261	**4,381**	**21,110**	2,612	**23,722**
Oct-Dec	20,628	12,950	**7,678**	4,832	992	525	489	**3,804**	**11,482**	1,145	**12,627**
Total	*101,067*	*54,828*	***46,239***	*20,718*	*5,056*	*2,326*	*3,171*	***16,507***	***62,746***	***7,513***	***70,259***
2007											
Jan-Mar	18,625	13,900	**4,725**	4,015	916	507	508	**3,100**	**7,825**	3,999	**11,824**
Apr-Jun	21,947	17,270	**4,677**	5,595	1,067	543	866	**4,851**	**9,528**	5,783	**15,311**
Jul-Sep	31,491	31,836	**-345**	6,169	2,044	727	1,257	**4,655**	**4,310**	4,653	**8,963**
Oct-Dec	18,840	17,976	**864**	5,087	1,074	519	488	**3,982**	**4,846**	2,308	**7,154**
Total	*90,903*	*80,982*	***9,921***	*20,866*	*5,101*	*2,296*	*3,119*	***16,588***	***26,509***	***16,743***	***43,252***
2008											
Jan-Mar	22,319	19,558	**2,761**	5,350	1,055	516	527	**4,306**	**7,067**	3,830	**10,897**
Apr-Jun	29,230	22,500	**6,730**	7,200	1,196	545	881	**6,340**	**13,070**	7,099	**20,169**
Jul-Sep	30,265	25,338	**4,927**	6,439	2,062	727	1,257	**4,907**	**9,834**	8,061	**17,895**
Oct-Dec	20,152	13,954	**6,198**	5,207	1,079	519	488	**4,097**	**10,295**	4,870	**15,165**
Total	*101,966*	*81,350*	***20,616***	*24,196*	*5,392*	*2,307*	*3,153*	***19,650***	***40,266***	***23,860***	***64,126***
2009											
Jan-Mar	24,982	17,838	**7,144**	5,225	1,061	516	527	**4,175**	**11,319**	4,626	**15,945**
Apr-Jun	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*
Jul-Sep	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*
Oct-Dec	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*	*n/a*
Total	*24,982*	*17,838*	***7,144***	*5,225*	*1,061*	*516*	*527*	***4,175***	***11,319***	***4,626***	***15,945***

* Estimates of non-permanent residents (NPRs) represent the number of non-permanent residents living in Canada. The five following groups are referred to as NPRs: (1) persons residing in Canada claiming refugee status; (2) persons residing in Canada who hold a study permit; (3) persons residing in Canada who hold a work permit; (4) persons residing in Canada who hold a Minister's permit; (5) all non-Canadian born dependants of persons claiming refugee status, or of persons holding study permits, work permits or Minister's permits and living in Canada.

Source: Statistics Canada